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"BIG BUSINESS" AND HUMANITY—BRANDEIS, PEOPLE'S LAWYER, GIVES HIS VIEWS

*Talks Three Days to Senate Committee at Washington,
Giving Remarkable Statement of the Great Trust
Problem and Its Relation to the People.*

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—Anybody with an idea as to what to do with the white elephant of the times—big business—has been greedily heard by the senate committee on interstate commerce.

Here to the committee room came Judge Gary with his cheerful tale of benevolent industry blessing the land, but interrupted in its benign work by agitation, prosecution and uncertainty. And George W. Perkins talked for hours about his proposed "court of business" to separate the bad trusts from the good trusts.

Then there came a new sort of witness.

An earnest man, carrying a big leather bag, evidently heavy with facts; a man about as homely and awkward as Abraham Lincoln; an eager man, hungry for the fight, with the stamp of stern purpose on his face. Brandeis of Boston, "the people's lawyer."

He had not been talking long before senators and audience realized that, having listened patiently to the voice of money, they now heard the voice of humanity.

He talked all of the forenoon, then throughout the afternoon until dark. But they had not heard enough. He talked another forenoon—not enough. He talked all of the second afternoon—"more, more," called committee and audience. In the meantime the thunders he had hurled had begun to reverberate across the land—news and editorial columns were full of it. He went upon the stand a third day.

What did Brandeis say?

It would fill a god-sized book, but this was the gist of his message:

"Private monopoly is indefensible—the plea of efficiency—is sible and intolerable. Its central | built on sand, not on the bedrock